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In re application : Paul Giampavolo
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For : SAFETY BUCKLE WITH MULTIPLE ORIENTATION
CLASP
Examiner : Ruth C. Rodriguez
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephonic interview conducted 16 January 2009 to discuss the application, including claim 32. The participants were Examiner Ruth C. Rodriguez and Applicant's representative Brendan J. Kennedy.

During the course of the interview, the Examiner referenced claim 32 with regard to a rejection over Anscher (U.S. Pat. No. 6,000,109). The Examiner proposed amending the claim to be allowable with a limitation directed to the first and another engagement structures being symmetrical. Applicant's representative agreed to the addition of a limitation to claim 32 to state:

the two central arms being symmetrical about an axis lying along an insertion direction of the projection into the cavity.

Additional changes to claim 32 were agreed upon to clarify the language, including reference to a "third engagement structure" rather than "another engagement structure" and a recitation of the engagement structures that are disengaged in the different orientations. Applicant's representative also agreed to the cancelation of claims 33-34 and 37 since the claimed subject matter was inconsistent with the independent claim from which they depended.

Respectfully submitted,

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